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GREATEST POTENTIAL FARM LABOR SUPPLY
April 1, 1940

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This map indicates the areas having the largest number of farm operator families considered as part of the potential farm labor supply. It is based on the assumption that families living on farms producing less than \$600 worth of products are unproductively employed or underemployed if the operator is able-bodied and puts in most of his time on the farm. The following procedure was used in determining the number of families in each county to be included in the potential supply:

- A. From the number of farms which in 1939 reported less than \$600 worth of products sold, traded, or used were subtracted: (1) the number of operators who reported work off the farm during 1939 amounting to 100 days or more and (2) in the South, the number of sharecroppers.
- B. The result of (A) was divided by two to make allowance for families in which age, health, or other reasons might prevent the operators leaving their farms.

It is believed this procedure results in a conservative estimate of the number of farm families comprising the potential farm labor supply on April 1, 1940 because (a) some families living on farms producing in excess of \$600 worth of products might also be considered unproductively employed and (b) some operators with 100 days or more off-farm work and some sharecroppers operated farms with a total value of products of \$600 or more.

GREATEST NONSEASONAL FARM LABOR EMPLOYMENT
March 24-30, 1940

This map indicates the areas having the largest number of farms using regular year-around farm labor. It assumes that farms which reported labor hired by the month during the week March 24-30, 1940 and those which were operated by sharecroppers, represent the demand for nonseasonal farm labor.

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Many counties, especially in the South, are included in both categories, since they utilize relatively large numbers of regular farm workers and include many operators of relatively unproductive farms. In the Great Lake States, along the Eastern Seaboard, and on the Pacific Coast many of the areas using regular farm labor are near the centers of war industry; this has intensified the competition for the available labor force.

Although these figures apply to 1940, the general picture shown by the maps is still (December 1942) substantially correct.

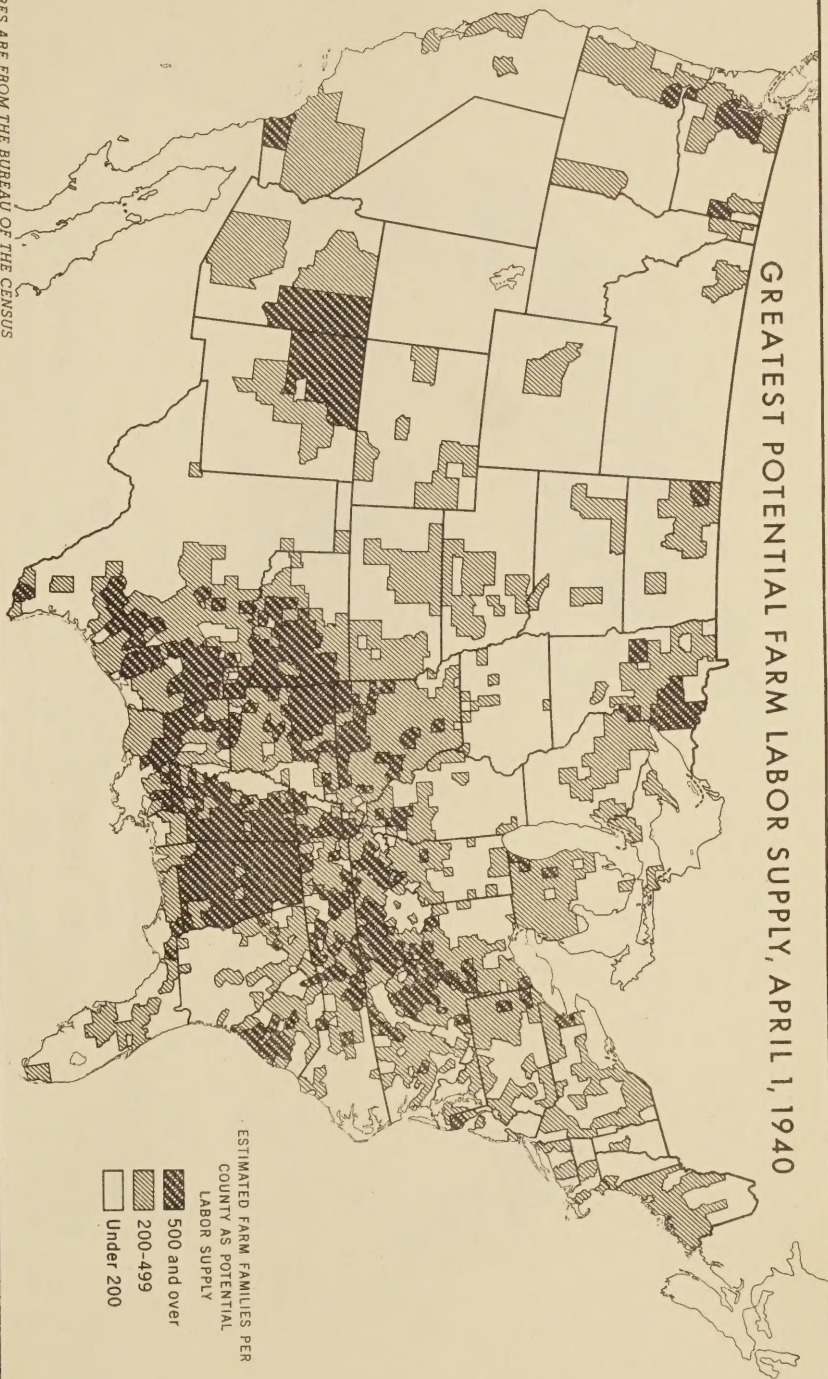
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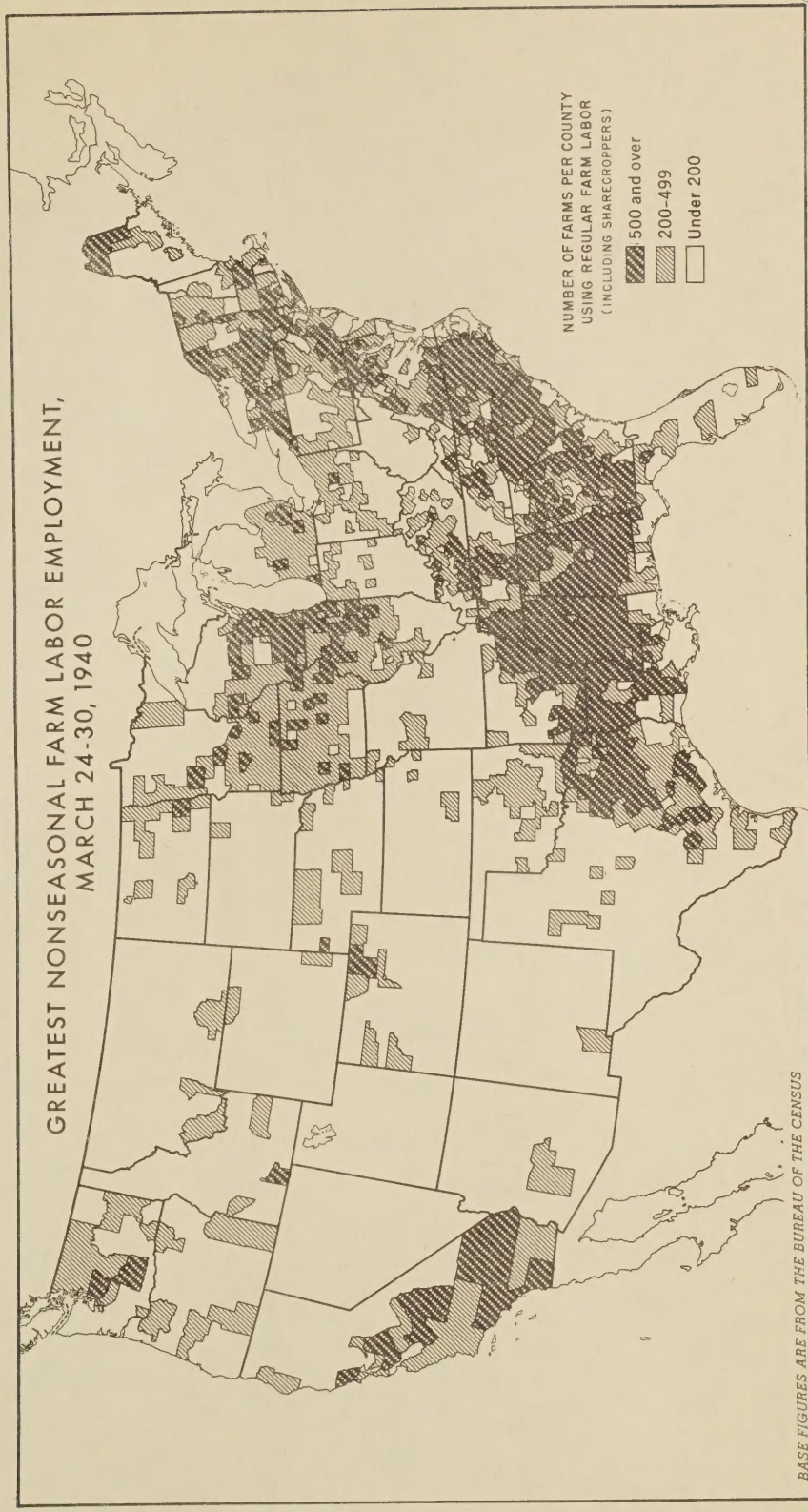
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